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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Greetings from the Mayor

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To the Citizens of Lake Jackson:

First, please allow me to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. I am grateful for your confidence and pledge to do my very best to meet your expectations. I would also like to recognize Shane Pirtle and Charlie Golden for their outstanding work and service to our city. They will be missed.

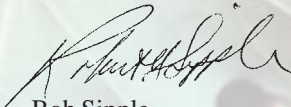
Also, please join me in a warm welcome for our two new council members, Bob Geter, and Vinay Singhanian. You have a very engaged council working hard to serve you, and continue making Lake Jackson the premier place to live, work, and play.

What makes Lake Jackson, and the Brazosport community such a special place is the countless volunteers who give their time and talent to the community. We simply could not accomplish what we do without this incredible dedication of our citizens. It is also appropriate I believe for me to mention our outstanding staff. From our city manager to our entry-level recent hire, we are fortunate to have the most dedicated people who perform their duties above and beyond expectations. You will find them always willing to help in any way.

Our commissions, such as Planning, Traffic, Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful, etc. are essential to us continuing our course. We are in need of people to serve on these commissions, and/or the many activities they perform. Please consider getting involved in one of these areas, as the more participate, the more input and less burden per individual. You can contact Alice Rodgers, City Secretary, for information and procedure for signing up.

The 2005-2006 year is coming into the fourth quarter and time has gone by fast. We are in the process of budgeting and I am proud of the fact that our services continue to be provided at one of the lowest tax rates in the state of Texas. I would also like to mention some of our accomplishments this year. We have a new Kohl's that will open late fall, a major renovation at the Mall, a new Shipley's Donuts coming soon, and many other inquiries about our great city. The Oyster Creek Hike and Bike trail is finally under construction (that's what the orange fences are for along Oyster Creek Drive). The Recreation Center is much improved with the new lighting, water treatment system, and floor covering. If you have not been there recently, please visit, as you will be very impressed with the changes. We continue to be environmentally conscious with the conversion of our fleet to CNG. With bond money approved, we will begin work on the municipal court renovation (old fire station), Dixie Drive, Brazos Oaks S/D, Jasmine, Oak Drive completion, and Winding Way improvements.

I look forward to giving you updates in the future as we embark upon exciting times. Thank you for your support in helping Lake Jackson be the "City of Enchantment".

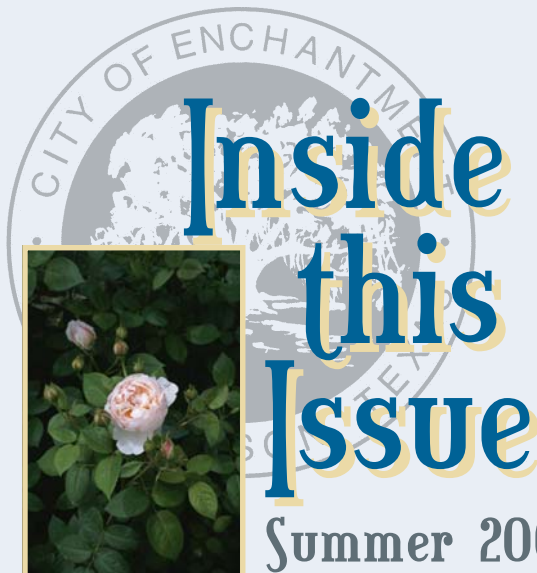


Bob Sipple  
Mayor

## lake Jackson Mission Statement

It is the mission of the city of Lake Jackson to be a leader among cities and in the region at large in delivering outstanding quality services to all citizens through innovative and efficient use of resources.





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## Directory

### — Phone Numbers —

Emergency - Only! (police, fire and ambulance)	911
Non-Emergency .....	415-2700
Fire/EMS .....	415-2710
City Hall .....	415-2400
Utility Billing .....	415-2434
Public Works .....	415-2430
Inspections .....	415-2432
Engineering .....	415-2413
City Manager/Administration ...	415-2500
Civic Center .....	415-2600
Recreation Center .....	297-4533
Humane Center .....	415-2700
Regional Animal Shelter .....	285-2340
Municipal Court .....	297-1031
Library .....	415-2590

### — City Council E-Mail —

#### Mayor

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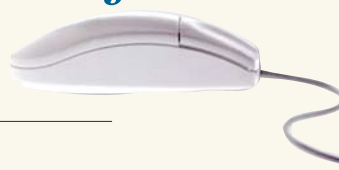
#### Councilmembers

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### — Department Directors —

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<b>Finance Director</b>	Pam Eaves peaves@ci.lake-jackson.tx.us
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<b>Public Works Director</b>	Craig Nisbett cnisbett@ci.lake-jackson.tx.us
<b>Personnel Director</b>	Carmen Williams cwilliams@ci.lake-jackson.tx.us

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[www.ci.lake-jackson.tx.us](http://www.ci.lake-jackson.tx.us)



# THE WILDERNESS

LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS

*Experience The Wilderness*



Register now for  
The Wilderness Junior Golf Academy  
July 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>  
July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
9a.m. to 12 noon  
\$100 per Student

Includes lunch, backpack, hat and PRIZES  
Certificates and Golf Course play on Thursday!

THE WILDERNESS  
LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS

KemperSports  
MANAGEMENT

[www.thewildernessgc.com](http://www.thewildernessgc.com)

501 West Hwy 332 Lake Jackson, Texas 77566  
979.297.GOLF (4653)

## Meeting Schedule



### City Council

6:30p.m. • 1st & 3rd Monday

### Planning Commission

7 p.m. • 1st Tuesday

### Youth Advisory Commission

(meets at police station)

6 p.m. • 1st Tuesday

### Traffic Commission

7 p.m. • 2nd Tuesday

### Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful

6 p.m. • 3rd Tuesday

### Senior Citizen Commission

(meets at civic center)

6:30 p.m. • 4th Monday

### Parks & Recreation Board

7 p.m. • 4th Tuesday

### Library Board

(meets at library)

5:15 p.m. • Quarterly - 3rd Tuesday

### As Called:

Animal Control

Board of Health

LJ Development Corporation

Museum Board

Zoning Board of Adjustments

Charter Review Commission (Odd Years)

*All meetings,*

*unless otherwise noted, are held at*

*Lake Jackson City Hall • 25 Oak Drive*

*You are cordially invited to attend.*



# Evacuations and Special Health Care Needs **Dial 2-1-1 to register for a ride**

## Governor's Division of Emergency Management

If you live in a hurricane EVACUATION ZONE, and you have special health care or transportation needs, you need to make extra efforts to get ready for hurricane season. Hurricane season officially begins June 1 and continues through November 30.

It is critical that you begin now to make your evacuation plans, prepare an emergency kit and learn evacuation routes. This should be done well in advance.

Operators answering the phones at 2-1-1 are prepared to help you register for transportation and special assistance now, before hurricane season begins.



**Save your life.  
Dial 2-1-1 to register in  
advance for a ride**

**If you have special health care needs, register by dialing 2-1-1:** Gulf coast residents with special health care needs (including those who are disabled or medically fragile) who live in evacuation zones and do not have friends or family to help in an evacuation should register for a ride in advance by dialing 2-1-1. The 2-1-1 registry must be dialed IN ADVANCE. Do not wait until a storm is in the Gulf to register for assistance. This service is for people who cannot drive themselves or make transportation arrangements.

**If you need transportation, register with 2-1-1:** If you do not have a car or other vehicle, and you cannot get a ride with friends, neighbors or family, register IN ADVANCE for a ride by dialing 2-1-1.

If you are interested in registering and you want to find out whether you are living in an evacuation zone, dial 2-1-1 for information.

**Hurricane Preparedness tips on the web:** Governor's Division of Emergency Management Website: [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem) FEMA website: [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) or [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

For more information, contact Mary Lenz or William Ayres at (512) 424-2138 or visit GDEM's Web site: [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem).

## WHEN HURRICANES ARE ON THE WAY DON'T STAY!



## Consumer Product Safety Commission Safety Alert

# Safety Tips for Flood Victims

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recommends several safety tips to the victims of floods. This safety alert illustrates some dangerous practices which consumers may be tempted to engage in during efforts to rebuild or while staying in temporary housing, tents or partially damaged homes. This information is provided in an effort to prevent injuries and deaths from consumer products as flood survivors make new beginnings. "We hope this information helps prevent product-related injuries and deaths during these difficult times."

- **Do not use electrical appliances that have been wet.** Water can damage the motors in electrical appliances, such as furnaces, freezers, refrigerators, washing machines, and dryers. If electrical appliances have been under water, have them dried out and reconditioned by a qualified service repairman. Do not turn on damaged electrical appliances because the electrical parts can become grounded and pose an electric shock hazard or overheat and cause a fire. Before flipping a switch or plugging in an appliance, have an electrician check the house wiring and appliance to make sure it is safe to use.

- **Electricity and water don't mix.** Use a ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI) to help prevent electrocutions and electric shock injuries. Portable GFCIs require no tools to install and are available at prices ranging from \$12 to \$30.

### TYPES OF GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTERS INCLUDE:

- RECEPTACLE • CIRCUIT BREAKER
- PORTABLE PLUG-IN • PORTABLE CORD TYPE

- **When using a "wet-dry vacuum cleaner," be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions to avoid electric shock.**

- **Do not allow power cord connections to become wet.**

- **Do not remove or bypass the ground pin on a three-prong plug.** Use a GFCI to prevent electrocution. Never remove or bypass the ground pin on a three-pronged plug in order to insert it into a nongrounding outlet.

- **Never allow the connection between a machine's power cord and the three-wire grounded extension cord to lie in water.**

- **Prevent gas explosions and fire.** Have gas appliances (natural gas and LP gas) inspected and cleaned after flooding. If gas appliances have been under water, have them inspected and cleaned and their gas controls replaced, if necessary. The gas company or a qualified appliance repair person or plumber should do this work. Water can damage gas controls so that safety features are blocked, even if the gas controls appear to operate properly. If you suspect a gas leak, don't light a match, use any electrical appliances, turn lights on or off, or use the phone. These may produce sparks. Sniff for gas leaks, starting at the water heater. If you smell gas or hear gas escaping, turn off the main valve. Open windows, leave the area immediately, and call the gas company or a qualified appliance repair person or plumber for repairs. Never store flammable materials near any gas appliance or equipment.

- **Make sure your smoke detector is functioning.** Smoke detectors can save your life in a fire. Check the battery frequently to make sure it is operating.

- **Fire extinguishers also are a good idea.**

- **Candles, matches, and lighters can start fires.** Never leave a burning candle unattended because it can tip over and start a fire. Keep candles, matches, and lighters away from children at all times.

- **Wet carpet and other furnishings can lead to the growth of biological pollutants.** Bacteria, fungi, and dust mites can grow on wet surfaces. If furnishings have been under water, they must be thrown out or steam-cleaned and dried thoroughly. Throw out water-damaged mattresses, wicker furniture, straw baskets and the like because they may contain mold. These items cannot be recovered. Throw out any water-damaged furnishings such as carpets, drapes, stuffed

toys, upholstered furniture and ceiling tiles, unless they can be restored by steam cleaning or hot water washing and thorough drying.

- **Remove and replace wet insulation.** Prevent conditions where biological pollutants can grow.

- **Since 1984, over 200 infants and toddlers have drowned in 5-gallon buckets.** Buckets containing even small amounts of water or other liquids can be drowning hazards. A 5 gallon bucket presents the

can be hazardous, especially if they “kick back.” To help reduce this hazard, make sure that your chain saw is equipped with the low kickback chain. Look for other safety features on chain saws, including hand guard, safety tip, chain brake, vibration reduction system, spark arrestor on gasoline models, trigger or throttle lockout, chain catcher, and bumper spikes. Always wear shoes, gloves, and protective glasses. On new saws, look for certification to the ANSI B-175.1 standard.



greatest danger to a small child because it doesn't tip over when a child leans into it. Never leave any bucket of water unattended where small children may fall in. Immediately empty out buckets when finished or move them to a safe place before taking a break. In addition, keep young children away from bathtubs and other open containers used for temporary water storage.

- **Burning charcoal gives off carbon monoxide.** Carbon monoxide has no odor and can kill you. Never burn charcoal inside homes, tents, campers, vans, cars, trucks, garages, or mobile homes.

- **Gasoline is made to explode.** Never use gasoline around ignition sources such as cigarettes, matches, lighters, water heaters, or electric sparks. Gasoline vapors can travel and be ignited by pilot light or other ignition sources. Make sure that gasoline powered generators are away from easily combustible materials.

- **Chain saws can cause serious injuries.** Chain saws

- **Infants can suffocate on adult beds and other soft surfaces.** Infants have suffocated when they have been put to sleep on adult mattresses, pillows, beanbag cushions, and other soft surfaces. Some children have suffocated when adults unintentionally lie over them while sleeping on the same bed. Other children have suffocated when plastic bags have covered their faces. A crib mattress should not be covered with a plastic garbage or laundry bag or any other thin plastic. The safest place for an infant to sleep is a crib that meets government safety standards and has a firm tight-fitting mattress.

- **When cleaning up from a flood, store medicines and chemicals away from young children.** Poisonings can happen when young children swallow medicines and household chemicals. Keep household chemicals and medicines locked up away from children. Use the child resistant closures that come on most medicines and chemicals.



# Parks and Recreation

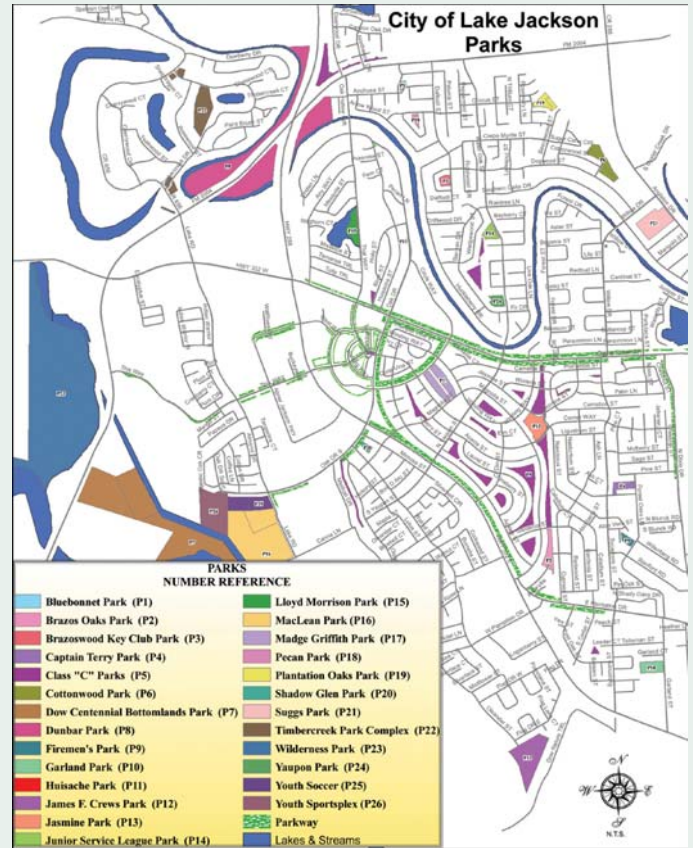


The Parks and Recreation Department, and the Parks and Recreation Board would like to give you the opportunity to participate in a needs assessment survey of preferred leisure activities. The following survey has been compiled by the parks and recreation board, and the results will serve as a tool in the updating of the parks and recreation master plan. The survey results, combined with input from public hearings, input from the parks and recreation board, and input from City Council will serve as the core of this master plan. We ask that you please take a moment and complete this survey and return by one of the following methods:

- \* Drop the survey in the night drop at City Hall
- \* Return the survey to the front counter of City Hall
- \* Return the survey to the recreation center
- \* Mail the survey to :

Parks and Recreation Department  
91 Lake Rd.  
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

If you have any questions, please call Woody Eastman, Parks and Recreation Director at 297-4533.



## LAKE JACKSON RECREATION AND SPORTS PARKS

Site	Location	Acres	Covered Restroom	Meeting Pavilion	Hall	Kitchen	Baseball Fields	Softball Fields	Football Fields	Soccer Fields	Volleyball Courts	Tennis Courts	Basketball Courts	Playcomplex Ages 2-5	Playcomplex Ages 5-12	Jogging Trail	Swim Pool	Parking Regular	Parking Handicap	Picnic Benches	Picnic Tables	Swings Adult	Swings Tot	Climbers	Slides	Payphone
Abner Jackson Plantation Site	FM 2004 near Lake Rd																	33								
Bluebonnet Park	202 Dahlia	0.6																								
Brazos Oaks Park	84 Plantation Ct.	1.5													1								6	2		
Brazoswood Key Club Park	149 Daffodil	1.8																			1	3	1			1
Circle Way/Gator/Whalley	400 Circle Way									10								40								
Captain R.R. Terry Park	425 Forest Oaks	2.3					1			1					1								4			
Cottonwood Park	101 Cottonwood	6.5													1								2			1
James F. Crews Park	1040 Oleander	18														1		5	1							
Dow Centennial Bottomlands	Enter @ MacLean Park	350															1									
Dunbar Park	803 FM 2004	75	1	4			2			3					1			20	2	1	22	10	2	1		1
Dunbar Pavilion		0.5	1	1														80	1		26					1
North Fields	856 FM 2004							1	1	1								30								
Firemen's Park	207 Forest Oaks	1.8																		1	2	2	2	1		
Garland Park	328 Garland	5										2		1				10			1	2	2			
Huisache Park	474 Huisache	0.5													1							2	2			
Jasmine Park	300 Jasmine	10	1		1	1						4			1			35		9	2	4	4	1	1	
Jr. Service League Park	709 Yaupon	2.8												1	1			9	1	7	7					
Lloyd Morrison Park (Shy Pond)	507 That Way	13.7		4				4		2	2	2	1	1	1			39	3	6	10	6	4	1	1	1
MacLean Park	93 Lake Road	84	1	2		1								1	1	1	2	496	6			4	2			
MacLean Youth Sportsplex	Oak Drive South						3	6		7								372	21							
Madge Griffith Park	302 Magnolia	8	2				4	2									1	86	4							
Outdoor Pool @ Madge Griffith	302 Magnolia		1											1												
Pecan Park	208 Crocus	1.2												1	1						3	2	2			
Plantation Oaks Park	110 Sumac	3.8													1					1	1	4				
Shadow Glen Park	99 Oak Drive	2.5													1								2		1	
Suggs Park	213 C.R. 288	12	1				3											50								
Timbercreek Parks	337 Timbercreek	16.86													1					1			2		1	
Wilderness Park	301 W. Hwy 332	482																12								
Yaupon Park	705 Yaupon	2.5													1							1	2		1	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1103</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1317</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>

\*This list does not include maintained Rights of Way, Medians, or Public Facilities

Rec. Center 297-4533



# Department Survey



Please complete the survey and return it to The Lake Jackson Parks and Recreation Department or to Lake Jackson City Hall.

## Parks and Recreation Department Survey

1 Below is a list of recreational and leisure activities. Please rate the priority you feel you and your family would have for each activity where "1" is not a priority at all and "5" is a very high priority.

a. Walking/jogging	1	2	3	4	5
b. Hiking/bicycling	1	2	3	4	5
c. Camping/RV	1	2	3	4	5
d. Camping-primitive	1	2	3	4	5
e. Racquetball/handball	1	2	3	4	5
f. Sightseeing/bird watching	1	2	3	4	5
g. Playground visits	1	2	3	4	5
h. Basketball	1	2	3	4	5
i. Organized soccer	1	2	3	4	5
j. Organized softball	1	2	3	4	5
k. Organized baseball	1	2	3	4	5
l. Organized football	1	2	3	4	5
m. Competitive swimming	1	2	3	4	5
n. Tennis	1	2	3	4	5
o. Volleyball	1	2	3	4	5
p. Golf	1	2	3	4	5
q. Boating/jet skiing	1	2	3	4	5
r. Fishing/canoeing	1	2	3	4	5
s. Swimming/sunbathing-pool	1	2	3	4	5
t. Cardiovascular training	1	2	3	4	5
u. Attending concerts/plays	1	2	3	4	5
v. Visiting parks	1	2	3	4	5
w. Nursery services during workout	1	2	3	4	5
x. Rec. center/fitness center membership	1	2	3	4	5
y. Family, group, or company picnic	1	2	3	4	5
z. Disc golf	1	2	3	4	5
aa. In-line hockey	1	2	3	4	5
bb. In-line skating	1	2	3	4	5
Cc. Skateboarding	1	2	3	4	5

2 How many people live in your household? NUMBER\_\_\_\_\_

3 Are you: (please circle one)

- a. White
- b. Hispanic
- c. Black
- d. Asian
- e. Other Please specify\_\_\_\_\_

4 Are you between the ages of..... (please circle one)

- a. 19-24
- b. 25-29
- c. 30-34
- d. 35-39
- e. 40-49
- f. 50-59
- g. 60 and over

5 Is the head of your household.... (please circle one)

- a. male
- b. female

6 Is the head of your household... (please circle one)

- a. employed full-time
- b. employed part-time
- c. retired/disabled
- d. student
- e. unemployed

7. If employed full-time or part-time, what is the head of household's occupation

8 Do you own or rent your current residence... (please circle one)

- a. own
- b. rent

9 Last year your total household income before taxes was... (please circle one)

- a. less than \$20,000
- b. \$20,000-\$29,000
- c. \$30,000-\$39,000
- d. \$40,000-\$49,000
- e. \$50,000-\$74,900
- f. over \$75,000

10 The Parks and Recreation Board continually tries to provide quality parks and recreation services to all residents. It often has to make difficult choices on how to develop parks. Would you encourage the parks and recreation board to develop smaller parks used by neighborhoods and city residents, or develop fewer larger parks that are used by all community residents?

- a. more smaller parks
- b. fewer larger parks

11 Respondent is.... (Please circle one)

- a. male
- b. female

12 Do you feel the city has too much undeveloped parkland? (please circle one)

- a. yes
- b. no

13 How often do you use the city parks? (please circle one)

- a. daily
- b. 3-5 times/week
- c. 3-5 times/month
- d. 1-2 times/month
- e. 4-6 times/ year
- f. never

14 What is park do you utilize the most?

(please state)

# Public Works



## Hurricane Season is Upon Us!!

Hurricane Season is here! If a tropical storm or hurricane is in the Gulf of Mexico, and heading in our direction, please **DO NOT** place any trash at the curb. Loose debris presents a danger during high winds. Please store any trash or loose debris in a safe location.

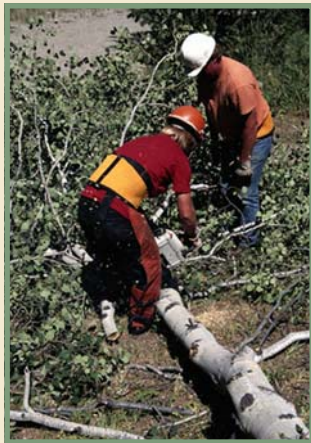
If you need to dispose of any trash immediately before a storm, please take it to The Mulch Site at 103 Canna Lane. There are dumpsters available, and an attendant is on duty to help you dispose of these items properly. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Closed on Sunday and Monday.

## Landscapers!! Tree Trimmers!! Contractors!!

### Tree Debris may now be disposed of at the Mulch Site!

The fee is \$4 per cubic yard. Simply come to the Public Works Department in the City Hall to set up an account, or call 415-2430 for more information.

Sec. 82-68 (f) of the City Code of Ordinances states that tree and shrubbery branches, limbs, and trimmings cut by landscape or tree service contractors or other commercial workmen, or resulting from land being cleared shall not be collected by the city.



**PUBLIC WORKS**  
**415-2430**

## Heavy Trash & Special Pick Ups

To determine when your heavy trash days are, simply use the following guidelines. If your normal household garbage is collected on Monday and Thursday, your large trash starts on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. If your garbage is collected on Tuesday and Friday, your large collection starts on the 2nd and 4th Monday. In order to insure your large trash is collected, it must be out on the curb by 8:00 a.m. on Monday of your regularly scheduled week.

Also, according to the City Code of Ordinances, Heavy Trash shall be placed out for collection *no sooner* than 5:00 a.m. on the Saturday preceding the individual's regular Heavy Trash pickup week unless prior arrangements have been made for a special pickup. Once we have made collections on your street, we will not be able to return until the next regular scheduled week.

Brush/limbs (we take this to the mulch site), and metal goods **MUST** be separated for collection. Please put out loads or containers that can be handled and lifted by one worker. If you have an oversize load or a special pick-up, you may call 415-2430 to request a pick-up for an additional charge.

Piles of debris larger than 64 cubic feet (standard size of a pick up truck bed) will be assessed an additional \$12.00 per cubic yard for trash and \$8.00 per cubic yard for brush and tree trimmings, with a \$30 minimum. The City will notify you of these charges, before collection. To make arrangements for pick up of a "large load" call the Sanitation Department at 415-2430.

If you do not wish to pay for a special pick up, you have several disposal options:

- 20 cu. yd. Roll off container *for yard debris only* - \$150.00
- 20 cu.yd. Construction dumpster - \$223.21
- 30 cu.yd. Construction dumpster - \$334.82
- 40 cu.yd. Construction dumpster - \$392.30
- 1 cu.yd. Boxes - \$40 pick up - or -\$50 delivered
- Take small quantities to the dumpster at the Mulch Site for free.



# Police



The Lake Jackson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association donated, raised and awarded enough monies to purchase the portable component of an FBI-approved Identification System. This computer system takes inkless fingerprints and digital color photos as well as securely stores vital information needed to locate an individual that is reported lost or missing. The City's Police Department is responsible to secure the data and to access it immediately when they receive notice of a missing person.

Within an hour the individual's photo, prints, vital statistics and emergency contacts can be relayed to the appropriate local, State and Federal law enforcement agencies as well as the public media. There is no system within the area that has this capability.



Being in a hurricane zone, watching and experiencing evacuation difficulties especially when families got separated, the LJCPAAA initiated this new community service in cooperation with the Brazosport Independent School District. As of April 26, 2006 this volunteer organization visited all eleven elementary schools. Fifty-five 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes took part in Project "Children's ID". The LJCPAAA already is working to schedule the 2006-07 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and plans to provide the "Children's ID" project annually with the assistance of the BISD.

"Project ID" is available to all residents of the Brazosport area. The primary objective is to complete identification packets for all children under 18 years of age. The secondary target population groups are the elderly and the disabled. The LJCPAAA will process any adult requesting this service. ALL participants must complete the "Data and Enrollment" form. This must be signed by a Parent, Guardian, or requesting Adult.

Each participant is presented an Identification Packet that includes two wallet-size, laminated cards and a third card to be safely and conveniently kept at home. If a person or child becomes lost or missing, the local Law Enforcement Agency can immediately contact the LJPD at the number provided on the cards. This is the only time when the individual file can, by law, be pulled up on the LJPD identification computer for appropriate dissemination within one hour of the notice. Time is a very crucial factor in successfully locating a missing or lost person, especially a child.

Community outreach by the LJCPAAA is available one Sunday per month at the Lake Jackson Police Department from 1- 4:00 p.m. Notices of each event will be published in The Facts.

Also, the organization participates in Brazosport area-wide events such as the "EnviroFest" at Brazos Mall, Dow Texas Operations "Neighbor Day" at Brazosport College and "Gordon's Birthday Party" at Sea Center Texas.

If a business or organization is interested in sponsoring a "Project ID" event, call LJPD Captain Dunlap at 415-2700.

Tax-deductible donations to "Project ID" are welcomed by the LJCPAAA as they continue to raise approximately \$12,000 for the purchase of the last two pieces of equipment to complete the non-portable component of the identification system located in the Lake Jackson Police Department. The LJCPAAA is committed to keeping "Project ID" a free community service and plans to raise annually the \$5,000 needed to cover all material and supply costs needed for "Project ID".

For more info., contact Laura Brandes at 265-3813 or e-mail at [ljbrandes@houston.r.com](mailto:ljbrandes@houston.r.com).

## Hunter Safety Classes

held at LJPD

### Traditional

Aug 25-26	6:00pm
September 8-9	6:00pm
September 29-30	6:00pm
October 13-14	6:00pm

### On-Line

July 22	8:30 am
Aug 26	8:30 am
September 9	8:30 am
September 30	8:30 am
October 14	8:30 am

**POLICE 415-2700**



## Tornado or Hurricane Fire Safety

A wide range of natural disasters occurs within the United States every year. Natural disasters can have a devastating effect on you and your home. The U.S. Fire Administration encourages you to use the following safety tips to help protect yourself, your family and your home from the potential threat of fire during or after a tornado or hurricane. You can greatly reduce your chances of becoming a fire casualty by being able to identify potential hazards and following the outlined safety tips.



### SOME TYPES OF FIRE RELATED HAZARDS PRESENT DURING AND AFTER A TORNADO OR HURRICANE.

- Leaking or damaged gas lines, gas propane containers, and vehicle gas tanks may explode or ignite.
- Debris can easily ignite, especially if electrical wires are severed.
- Pools of water and even appliances can be electrically charged.
- Generators that are not properly used and maintained can be very hazardous.
- Alternative heating devices used incorrectly create fire hazards. Proper use and maintenance can decrease the possibility of a fire.
- Appliances that emit smoke or sparks should be repaired or replaced.

### CHEMICAL SAFETY

- Look for combustible liquids like gasoline, lighter fluid, and paint thinner that may have spilled. Thoroughly clean spills and place containers in a well-ventilated area.
- Keep combustible liquids away from heat sources.

### ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Assume all wires on the ground are electrically charged. This includes cable TV feeds.
- Look for and replace frayed or cracked extension and appliance cords, loose prongs, and plugs.
- Exposed outlets and wiring could present a fire and life safety hazard.
- Appliances that emit smoke or sparks should be repaired or replaced.
- Have a licensed electrician check your home for damage.

### GAS SAFETY

- Smell and listen for leaky gas connections. If you believe there is a gas leak, immediately leave the house and leave the door(s) open.
- Never strike a match. Any size flame can spark an explosion.
- Before turning the gas back on, have the gas system checked by a professional.

### GENERATOR SAFETY

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions and guidelines when using generators.
- Use a generator or other fuel-powered machines outside the home. CO fumes are odorless and can quickly overwhelm you indoors.
- Use the appropriate sized and type power cords to carry the electric load. Overloaded cords can overheat and cause fires.
- Never run cords under rugs or carpets where heat might build up or damage to a cord may go unnoticed.
- Never connect generators to another power source such as power lines. The reverse flow of electricity or 'backfeed' can electrocute an unsuspecting utility worker.

### HEATING SAFETY

- Kerosene heaters may not be legal in your area and should only be used where approved by authorities.
- Do not use the kitchen oven range to heat your home. It is a fire hazard and can be a source of toxic fumes.
- Alternative heaters need their space. Keep anything combustible at least 3 feet away.
- Make sure your alternative heaters have 'tip switches' designed to automatically turn off the heater in the event they tip over.
- Only use the type of fuel recommended by the manufacturer and follow suggested guidelines.
- Never refill a space heater while it is operating or hot.
- Refuel heaters only outdoors.
- Make sure wood stoves are properly installed. Ensure they have the proper floor support and ventilation.
- Use a glass or metal screen in front of your fireplace to prevent sparks from igniting nearby carpets, furniture or other combustible items.

### AND REMEMBER...

- Be careful when using candles. Keep flames away from combustible objects and out of the reach of children.
- Some smoke alarms may be dependent on your home's electrical service and could be inoperative during a power outage. Check to see if your smoke alarm uses a back-up battery and install a new battery at least once a year.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home.
- All smoke alarms should be tested monthly.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home, keep it clear of debris for easy access by the fire department.





## Dangers After a Hurricane or Power Outage Hits

If your power is out due to a hurricane, or for any reason, operating your generator safely can mean the difference between life and death.

The exhaust from generators contains poisonous carbon monoxide, an odorless, invisible killer. "The amount of carbon monoxide from one generator is equivalent to hundreds of idling cars," said CPSC Chairman Hal Stratton. "Carbon monoxide from a portable generator can kill you and your family in minutes."

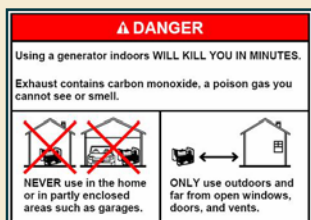
In 2005, at least 55 people died from carbon monoxide poisoning associated with portable generators. The aftermath of last year's four major hurricanes resulted in a majority (28) of those deaths.

CPSC urges consumers to follow these safety tips when operating a portable generator after a storm or other event that has caused a power outage.

- Never use a portable generator indoors, including in your home, garage, basement, crawlspace, shed or partially-enclosed area - even with ventilation. Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent CO buildup in the home.
- Only use a portable generator outdoors in a dry area far away from doors, windows and vents that can allow CO to come indoors.
- Install battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery back-up in your home. Test the alarms frequently and replace dead batteries.
- Get to fresh air right away if you start to feel dizzy or weak. The CO from generators can rapidly lead to full incapacitation and death.
- Plug appliances into a heavy duty, outdoor-rated extension cords and plug the cords into the generator.
- If you're concerned about theft, secure generators outside.

To reach consumers with this lifesaving information, CPSC has developed new warning labels for newly manufactured generators.

CPSC Chairman Stratton said, "If we can keep people from using a generator indoors, in a partially-enclosed area or anywhere close to their home, these labels have done their job."



## Summer Fire Safety Reminders

### Outside Burning

It is unlawful for any person to burn or allowed to be burned, garbage, trash, rubbish and other materials within the City of Lake Jackson. **Other materials** are not limited to but include, leaves, trees & tree branches.

### Use of BBQ Pits on Apartment Porches & Balconies prohibited

BBQ pits, hibachi grills, charcoal burners, liquid petroleum gas burners and other open flame cooking devices are prohibited on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.



The right to a safe residence is one that we should all try to protect. The carelessness of one resident can effect and often does affect other residents.

To report violations call:

Lake Jackson Fire Marshal at 415-2726

Lake Jackson Police Dept. at 415-2700

Check out the fire safety paper on The FACTS website at [thefacts.com](http://thefacts.com) under special sections entitled Fire Safety 2006.

**Fire Marshal**  
**415-2426**

# For Your Information



## Tree Preservation Ordinance

The City of Lake Jackson now has a tree preservation ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure that the forest of the City should be preserved and enhanced for future generations. Mature trees, if destroyed, can be replaced only after generations of time.

There will be times when a tree removal permit is required:

- **Undeveloped properties** - Tree Removal Permits will be required to remove a tree if it has a diameter of 12 inches or greater.
- **Developed Commercial properties** - a Tree Removal Permit will be required if a tree has a diameter of 6 inches or greater.
- **Existing residential homes** - Tree Removal permits are not required.

If you are concerned about the improper removal of trees, or if you have any further questions, please contact the Lake Jackson Building Official at 415-2430 for more information.

## The Mulch Site has Multi-Purposes!!

The mulch site takes yard debris and turns it into free mulch for City of Lake Jackson residents. But did you know you can drop off other items there also? If you have used cooking oils, antifreeze, tires or motor oil, City of Lake Jackson residents may now drop off these items at the Mulch Site at 103 Canna Lane. An attendant is on duty to help you dispose of these items properly. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, and Saturday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm Closed on Sunday and Monday.

## Mosquito Control



Brazoria County Mosquito Control District is the primary agency responsible for the control of mosquitoes in Lake Jackson. They spray for mosquitoes using both aerial and truck mounted sprayers. You may call the Mosquito Control District at 265-4261 ext. 1532 to report your need for additional spraying.

There are a few things that you can do to help control the mosquito population. Drain any standing water, like bird baths, dog bowls, children's swimming pools, tires, buckets, etc. These are breeding grounds

## Scoop the Poop

Pet waste is a subject everyone likes to avoid. The main problem is that sometimes it becomes unavoidable. Pet waste left on trails, sidewalks, streets and the neighbor's yard is unsightly, smelly and can pose a health risk.

The City's new Animal Feces Ordinance requires that citizens immediately remove and dispose of feces left by a dog being handled by that person on property, public or private, other than the premises of the owner or handler of such dog.

In the case of an individual failing to pick up after their pet, please contact the Humane Department at 415-2700.

Please help Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful. Only you can be number one in the number two business.



The City of Lake Jackson has **Cable Channel 16** to provide a variety of information to you, the citizen. We hope you find this information useful. For questions concerning information on this channel, contact Kim Knapp at 415-2407.



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**CITY OF LAKE JACKSON**  
**25 Oak Drive-Lake Jackson, TX 77566-5289**  
**Telephone 415-2434 Fax 297-9804**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN**

*The City of Enchantment*

**Name on Your Utility Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Utility Account Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Service Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Driver's License Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Institution Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Institution Address (City & State):** \_\_\_\_\_

**BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER TO BE CHARGED** \_\_\_\_\_ **CIRCLE ONE**  
**checking/savings**

**PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING!!!!**

I authorize the City of Lake Jackson to begin deductions for my monthly utility bill with the financial institution named. Enrollment in the automatic payment plan may be discontinued any time by sending a request, in writing, to the City of Lake Jackson. My authority will remain in effect until revoked by my financial institution, the City of Lake Jackson, or myself. I understand that both my financial institution and the City of Lake Jackson have the right to terminate this payment plan or my participation therein. *If I have two insufficient bank drafts within a year, the City will terminate my enrollment in bank drafting.*

I understand that I will be responsible for the first bill that I receive after the City obtains my application. However if my bank is currently set up in the bank drafting program my automatic payment plan will be effective with my first bill. This bill will have a message at the bottom stating: **BANK DRAFT-DO NOT PAY. PAYMENT WILL BE DRAFTED ON THE DUE DATE!**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Must be authorized for the account listed above)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**WRITE "VOID" ACROSS CHECK AND TAPE HERE**  
**MUST BE A VOIDED CHECK, DEPOSIT SLIPS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**  
**(Please tape—DO NOT STAPLE)**



City of Lake Jackson  
25 Oak Drive  
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

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## *The City of* *Enchantment*

### **Looking for a lost pet? Need a new companion?**

Visit or call the Southern Brazoria County Animal Shelter,  
located at 141 Canna Lane. 285-2340.

The Adoption Center and Animal Drop off are open during the following hours:.

Tuesday-Friday 12:00 - 5:30 p.m. • Saturday 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

You may also call the shelter from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday and Monday to schedule a visit

Lake Jackson Residents - Call 415-2700 for an Animal Control Officer.

### **Visit the Outdoor Pool**

300 Magnolia

Pool Hours: Mon-Sat: 11:00 am – 7:45 pm

Sunday: 1:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Cost: \$3.00/adult

\$2.00/child and senior

\$2.00/adult spectator

Call the Recreation Center at 297-4533 to rent  
the outdoor pool or if you need additional information

**Black garbage bags can be purchased at City Hall for \$6.50**

**Blue recycle bags may be purchased at City Hall for \$6.00**